Memorial and a Ferry Launch to facilitate tourist between Kanyakumari and Vivekananda Rock Memorial.

(b) Mamallapuram : A tourist complex and a project for landscaping.

(c) Muttukadu : Water sports facilities.

(d) Pichavaram : Restaurant Block.

(e) Cuddulore : Tourist Complex.

(f) Poompuhar : Visitors waiting hall.

(g) Nagapattinam: Yatri Niwas.

(h) Rameshwaram : Tourist Reception Centre.

(c) The Ministry of Tourism provides interest subsidy on loans sanctioned by IFCI/TFCI for approved hotel projects. Interest subsidy of 3 per cent is provided for 1, 2 & 3 Star category hotel projects and 1 per cent of interest subsidy is provided for 4 & 5 Star category hotel projects. Approved hotels commissioned by December, 1993 in selected places not having more than 300 rooms of 3-Star category, would be exempted from expenditure tax and 50 per cent from Income Tax for a period of 10 years. Hotel resorts would be permitted to be constructed 200 mts. away from high tide line.

Export of Raw Silk

*307. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantum of raw silk exported during the last three years, and how much foreign exchange was earned thereby, yearwise;

(b) what is the plan for boosting silk export and what target has been fixed in this regard for the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) what is the extent of monetary benefit that has been passed on to the silk growers during the period mentioned in part (a) above, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) There have been no exports of raw silk during the last three years. In view of the adequate demand of raw silk for manufacture of silk goods both for indigenous and export sectors, the export of raw silk is not encouraged and hence there are no plans for boosting its export during the VIII Plan.

(c) Does not arise.

Recommendations of the National Committee on Tourism

*308. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the recommendations made by the National Committee on Tourism some time back;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) by when these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In general, the recommendations found to be useful though some of them were not feasible

(c) Almost all the major recommendations found feasible have already been implemented.

Approval of proposals received from Rajasthan for the development of new Tourist Circuits

*309. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of foreign tourists visiting Rajasthan has gone up by nine times during the last 16 years as per the Statistics maintained by the State Government;

(b) whether Central Government have received proposals from Rajasthan Government for development of three new circuits and strengthening of existing five circuits costing Rs. 757.79 lakhs which include development of three new circuits and strengthening of existing five circuits costing Rs. 757.79 lakhs which include development of tourist sites/cafeterias/transport facilities etc.; and

(c) if so, by when the said proposals are likely to be approved by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) As per the statistics available from the State Government, the foreign tourist arrivals in Rajasthan during 1989 were about 7.4 times the arrivals during 1974.

(b) The Central Government have received seven proposals amounting to Rs. 70.40 lakhs from Rajasthan Government, for financial assistance during 1990-91.

(c) All the proposals have already been prioritised for assistance during the year.

Establishment of Food Processing Industries in Bihar

*310. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar has made good progress in growing vegetables and fruit;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to set up food processing industries in that State;

(c) whether Bihar Government has sent any proposal in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what action the Central Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) According to a report, the area under production of fruits and vegetables like pineapple, banana, mango, lichi and tomato has gone up in Bihar.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries have no proposal to set up directly any food processing units in the State of Bihar.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries have not received any specific project proposal to set up food processing industries in Bihar.

Country's Low Financial Credibility

*311. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were no takers of the loans floated